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Report of the Council to be presented to the Members at the Annual Meeting to be held in Southport on Whit Monday, 16th May, 1932, at 9.30 a.m.

The Council has the honour to submit the Annual Report of the working of the Association for the year 1931.

The year was opened in an atmosphere of rekindling enthusiasm. The exhaustion which followed the gigantic efforts made in carrying through the Oxford Congress in 1930 had gradually been overcome, and there was a determination in our ranks carefully to overhaul our own movement and carry out the difficult task of building up an organisation, the running of which should bring more satisfactory results from a financial point of view. The call on our Guarantors had for years been to the full extent, and the losses beyond the sums guaranteed had been steadily wiping out our capital resources.

With these facts in mind and with a keen determination to better the position, our members met in the **Annual General Meeting** at Birmingham at the end of April. Great credit is due to our Business Manager for the organisation of the series of meetings in the Imperial Hotel, where the usual social arrangements were dispensed with in favour of "business only!"

The position of the Association was fully discussed by a very representative meeting, and the decision to terminate the publication of "**International Language**" with the June number was made only after a protracted debate, and purely on the grounds of economy. For six years this splendid magazine had been doing wonderful propaganda work for the Movement; unfortunately at great cost, for the average net loss on its publication was about £110 per annum. In addition, its preparation and distribution took up a considerable amount of time and energy of the office staff (quite apart from the work of the Honorary Editor), so that it would probably be more accurate to estimate the real cost to the Association at about £200 per annum.

Whilst Mr. K. R. C. Sturmer was thanked for the excellent way in which he had conducted the magazine (at a meeting of the Executive Committee later he was presented with two bound volumes), time did not permit the payment of a full tribute to him or to his predecessors.

The Council therefore wishes to record its deep appreciation of the most valuable work done by Mr. C. H. Edmonds, who founded *International Language* in 1924 and was its Editor until 1926, to Mr. F. E. Wadham, his Assistant Editor, to Mr. L. N. Newell, Editor from 1926 to 1930, and to Mr. K. R. C. Sturmer, who edited the magazine for the rest of its life. Thanks to the high standard which was maintained by these gentlemen *International Language* was known and admired throughout the whole Esperanto world—and beyond. It was a magazine of which the British Esperanto Association had every reason to be proud.

The loss of *International Language* was tempered by the greatly enhanced appearance of "**The British Esperantist**," which, with the July number, reverted to something of its former glory. As yet, however, the memory of *International Language* lingers and overshadows its successor, but with the passing of a little more time the merits of the new *British Esperantist* under its capable Editor, Mr. M. C. Butler, will be more fully recognised.

The simplification of the office routine work which resulted from the decisions made at Birmingham enabled the office staff to devote more energy and attention to other matters.

The Campaign for 1,000 New Members was pressed forward with very satisfactory results, and although the desired figure was not reached the actual figure of 789 must be considered as most encouraging. Unfortunately the inflow of new members was partly set off by the falling out of many old members. Every possible effort was made in the office to retain these old members, but this constant and steady loss remains one of our most difficult problems. The present subscription of 5/- per annum is so reasonable that there is little excuse for anyone to fall out, even in these times of financial stress.

During the summer three most successful **Caravans** were organised by Mr. Goldsmith, the first, consisting of 29 members, visiting The Hague, the second, 41 members, visiting Cracow, and the third, 36 members, visiting Elberfield. The practical value of Esperanto was demonstrated in a most striking manner by these caravans, and as they brought a net profit of £40 to the Association's funds, our Business Manager is to be doubly congratulated.

At the same time the "home market" was not neglected. Thanks to the **Motor Car** the officers were able to visit groups, federations, and booksellers, all over the country, combining propaganda with business. The value of these visits to groups and federations can hardly be estimated. A particularly interesting tour was that of our President, Mr. Robert Robertson, and the Secretary, as far north as Dundee.

The mileage covered by the motor car during the year was about 21,000, and although the expenses in connection with the car are heavy, it should be remembered that no railway fares are now called for, and a considerable amount is saved in transport costs. The expenses can be calculated—but the benefits can only to a limited degree be put into figures, though these, so far as they go, are satisfactory.

Book Sales kept up remarkably well until the autumn. The figure of £2,000 shown in the year's Trading Account compares very favourably with last year's figure of £2,370, of which about £300 was due to the Oxford Congress. The figures of our book sales for the last five years are :—1927, £1,665 ; 1928, £1,731 ; 1929, £1,923 ; 1930, £2,370 (Oxford) ; 1931, £2,000. This steady increase is most satisfactory, and although we must allow for a drop during 1932, the cumulative effect of these and previous sales must obviously be our very finest propaganda.

Our sales for 1931 would have been much higher but for the unfortunate, and almost complete, collapse of all foreign book business which happened in September when the financial crisis reached its peak. The restrictions imposed by most European countries made international trade very difficult.

One very satisfactory feature of our sales is the increasing number of books sold to wholesalers and retail shops. Although this means that our percentage of profit on sales is much lower, it also means that our books are going "through the trade"—which will be to the Association's eventual advantage.

Obituary.—The Council records with deep regret the loss during the year of the following members :—Edwin Andrews, Miss Bedwell, A. W. T. Berkley, Robert Black, Dr. Charles P. Blackham, James F. Brazier, Lewis Caw, Miss E. Fyson, A. Hunt, Miss L. Ibbetson, T. A. Kennion, Charles Kitching, Miss L. M. Layng, Arthur D. C. Levett, Robert A. Milner, C. H. Molley, Herbert J. Nunn, Priscilla H. Peckover, Samuel T. Rodger and Mrs. Townley (Blanche Drinkwater).

To the relatives of these friends, and to their intimate co-workers in the Cause, the Council tenderers sincerest sympathy.

Statistics.—Previous year's figures in parenthesis :—

Membership.—Fellows, 128 (128) ; Life Members, 25 (26) ; Life Fellows, 15 (13) ; Honorary Fellows, 4 (4) ; Members, 1,810 (1,628) ; Junior Members, 60 (78). Total, 2,042 (1,877).

Examinations.—*Preliminary* : Distinction, 55 (77) ; Pass, 96 (105) ; Fail, 52 (70). *Advanced* : Distinction, 21 (30) ; Pass, 29 (41) ; Fail, 19 (36). Total, 272 (359).

Royal Society of Arts Examinations.—*Elementary* : Pass, 85 ; Fail, 19. *Intermediate* : Pass, 55 ; Fail, 10.

Office Correspondence.—Letters received, 17,975 (21,372) ; Sent, 30,279 (30,943) ; Circulars sent, 7,425 (4,927) ; Cuttings received, 1,270 (1,779).

Book Sales.—Textbooks, 12,210 ; Dictionaries, 1,986 ; Keys, 6,770.

Executive Committee Meetings.—Number of meetings, 16 ; average attendance, 11 ; number of Executive Members, 15 ; percentage of attendance, 74.

Correspondence Courses.—Applications for the various courses have remained about the average. The hope that the Oxford Congress and the interest aroused subsequently would result in increased applications for the official courses was not realised, but the financial stringency of the times no doubt debarred some who otherwise would have taken courses.

Liverpool University.—One of the most important events in the recent history of the British Esperanto Movement took place on the 10th October, when at Liverpool University Professor W. E. Collinson, M.A., Ph.D., delivered the inaugural lecture of the John Buchanan Lectureship.

Education Committee.—The work of this Committee promises to be of the utmost value to the Association. The panel of Honorary Advisers now includes eighteen eminent educationists, and this fact, coupled with the establishment of the John Buchanan Lectureship mentioned above, has given the Committee a valuable means of propaganda and made it easier to obtain a hearing from educationists generally.

In accordance with the proposals of the Committee the Council instituted a competition limited to teachers who should pass the elementary examination of the Royal Society of Arts, and the latter body has kindly agreed to co-operate by arranging the names of successful candidates in order of merit. The prizes are four free trips to the Paris Congress, but this attractive offer has not yet brought in as many entries as had been hoped.

Further valuable propaganda has been carried on in a number of schools, and among school teachers known to be Esperantists or sympathisers, and the Committee has received sympathetic help and advice from local and national officials of the National Union of Teachers and the National Union of Women Teachers.

Radio Committee.—In the early part of the year the pending discontinuance of *International Language* caused the Committee to issue a monthly bulletin which was to replace, and amplify, the series of articles which had appeared under "The Realm of Radio," and at the same time to be the link between the members of the "S.O.S. Ligo" and its headquarters. This bulletin, *Tra la Posto*, is issued every month at the nominal subscription of one shilling per year, and it is hoped that our members will give it their support.

During the year the Committee decided to explore another field of radio activity, namely, that of the amateur transmitters. Mr. A. Venture has been co-opted as Assistant Secretary to the Committee, and has taken over the editorship of *Tra la Posto*. Mr. A. C. Oliver has taken over the national secretaryship of the Internacia Radio-Servo. These arrangements have lightened the work of the Secretary of the Committee, and have enabled him to pay attention to the amateur radio movement.

Accounts.—Comprehensive statistics are prepared each month by the Business Manager and laid before the Executive Committee, so that that Committee may be constantly aware of the position of the Association. Up to September there seemed to be a chance of bringing the deficiency reasonably near to the amount of the Guarantee Fund, but the Accounts show how badly we fared on the whole year's work. In spite of a net reduction of £132 in expenses—mainly reductions in salaries and publicity—the Revenue Account shows a loss of £759 15s. 4d.

This is £111 higher than the previous year, and the difference is due entirely to the reduced profit shown in our Trading Account. In 1930 we made a gross profit on trading of £627, in 1931 only £313. 1930 was an abnormal year, due to the Oxford Congress, but £313 is a very disappointing figure.

By the end of 1931 the position had become critical, and the Executive Committee made some very drastic proposals to the Council. These proposals were accepted by the Council, and should result, in 1932, in a saving of some £250 in headquarters expenses. The Business Manager was fortunate in being able to arrange for us to take rooms in our present building—still affording us working space and housing our library—so that the expense and trouble of moving has been minimised.

The position will be further reviewed at a Council meeting to be held in Southport on Whit Saturday and at the Annual General Meeting on Whit Monday.

We must face the fact that we have been hard hit by the financial crisis, and move very carefully for some time to come. It would be very inadvisable, however, to take too pessimistic a view of the situation, for the Association is far from insolvent. A glance at the Balance Sheet will show that the only *real* liabilities of the Association are Deposit Accounts, £105 7s. 5d.; Trade and other Accounts, £273 6s. 8d.; and Loans, £350; while assets far exceed the total of these amounts.

The Future of the Association is not in any real doubt. Our work *must* and *will* be carried on. We have survived previous crises, and we shall certainly survive this one. Fortunately our members are not just ordinary human beings, they are something just a little more—or they would not be in our ranks. The Council asks them to consider the situation quietly, but profoundly. It is not suggested that larger donations are expected of them, but it *is* hoped that every member who possibly can will complete the Guarantee Form which is inset in this number of *The British Esperantist*.

Although every Esperantist of more than, say, a year's standing must have derived considerably personal pleasure and benefit from the use of the language, yet that personal gain is relatively unimportant. Each member should ask himself, or herself, the question "Are not world events making the spread of Esperanto more than ever essential?"

There can be only one true answer to that question, and every conscientious member will determine that THE WORK OF THE ASSOCIATION MUST BE CARRIED ON.

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ANNUAL CIRCULAR.

Notice is hereby given that the Twenty-Eighth Annual General Meeting of the British Esperanto Association (Incorporated), will be held on Monday, 16th May, 1932, in the BIRKDALE TOWN HALL, SOUTHPORT, at 9.30 a.m. prompt.

AGENDA.

- (a) Receive the Annual Report of the Council.
- (b) Receive the Annual Statement of Accounts and Balance Sheet.
- (c) Receive the Report of the Secretary as Returning Officer on the election of Officers and Ordinary Councillors.
- (d) Elect one or more Auditors for the ensuing year.
- (e) Receive Report as to Guarantee Fund for the year 1931.
- (f) Consider as to place for holding the next Annual General Meeting.
- (g) Discuss the future position of the Association.
- (h) Consider, and if necessary take action, with reference to any other business or motion of which due notice may have been given, or which the majority of those present and entitled to vote may determine to entertain, not being inconsistent with the Memorandum and Articles of Association.

Notice is also hereby given that the first meeting of the new Council will be held at the conclusion of the said General Meeting, at the same place, for the appointment of Sub-Committees and for other routine business.

The following is a list of the present Council :—

President :

Robert Robertson, F.B.E.A.

Vice-Presidents :

J. J. Boutwood, J.P., F.B.E.A.
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W. M. Page, S.S.C., F.B.E.A.

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William A. Gething, F.B.E.A.

Hon. Treasurer :

R. Ralph Tredgold, F.B.E.A.

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Due to retire in 1932 :

J. D. Applebaum, F.B.E.A.
Rhodes Marriott, F.B.E.A.
L. N. Newell.
Miss V. Nixon, F.B.E.A.

Due to retire in 1933 :

W. M. Appleby.
Miss J. Baird, F.B.E.A.
B. E. Long.
Miss M. H. Rook.

Due to retire in 1934 :

P. Blaise.
W. H. Matthews.
K. R. C. Sturmer, F.B.E.A.
E. W. Willcocks, F.B.E.A.

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Group Councillors—

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Blackburn	F. Savage.
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Burntisland	J. Rodger.
Cheltenham	A. Yates.
Coventry	Miss C. O. Taylor.
Croydon	T. H. Saxon.
Darlington	G. Mell.
Dundee	A. R. Watt.
Eastbourne	Lt.-Col. Robinson.
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Glasgow	G. Stewart.
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Liverpool	J. D. Applebaum.
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		Miss E. Dovey.
<i>Southern</i>	..	E. Long.
<i>South Midland</i>	..	C. G. Chinn.
<i>S. Wales & Monmouth</i>	..	W. A. Gething.
<i>South Western</i>	..	T. E. A. Southern.
<i>West Midland</i>	..	R. W. J. Norton.
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		J. H. Fitton.
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		C. G. Chinn.

Members of Committees, etc.:

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Trustees of the Association : J. J. Boutwood, J. Merchant, R. Robertson.

LIST OF NOMINATIONS, 1932-3.

For the Election of Officers and Councillors.

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Robert Robertson, F.B.E.A.

Vice-Presidents (3) :

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Prof. W. E. Collinson, M.A., F.B.E.A.

W. M. Page, S.S.C., F.B.E.A.

Hon. Secretary :

(The Office to be kept vacant, *pro tem*).

Hon. Treasurer :

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Councillors :

J. D. Applebaum, F.B.E.A.

Rhodes Marriott, F.B.E.A.

L. N. Newell.

Miss V. C. Nixon, F.B.E.A.

No nominations having been received these nominations were made by the Council. As the number of nominations is the same as that of the offices to be filled, no Ballot is necessary.

A Practical Suggestion.—A member writes: "Unless financial matters improve considerably, some hundreds of Britishers will be unable to attend the Paris Congress, and many will attend the British Congress this year instead. Though giving up Paris is a big disappointment, the needs of the B.E.A. must come first, and I am therefore presenting my congress fee of £1 to the B.E.A. Probably many who have to abandon hope of Paris would be willing to follow my example in this matter."

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Order of Information.—Group; Secretary; Place of Meeting, Day, and Hour.

Some groups make other arrangements for the Summer months.

- Aberdeen.**—Miss J. Mellis, 28 Whitehall Place.—The Training Centre, St. Andrews St., 2nd and 4th Fri., 8.
- Accrington.**—L. Birtwistle, 64 Pansy Street.—Rechabites Hall, Abbey St., Tues., 7.30.
- Alton.**—Mrs. E. Sheldon, Windmill Cottage.—Hilltop, Ackender Rd. Tues., 8.
- Banbury.**—Miss Rake, 5 Broughton Terrace.—Christ-church Chapel Schoolroom, Horse Fair. Tues., 7.
- Barry (Glam.).**—Miss A. D. Langstone, 6 Gaen St.—61 Porthkerry Rd. Mon., 7-9.
- Bath.**—Miss E. B. Read, 3 Spencer's Belle Vue, Lansdown.—Bernina Cafe, Old Bond St., alt. Tues., 7.30.
- Bedford.**—A. H. Halstead, 6 Britannia Road.—Corn Exchange (Lower Room). Fri., 7.30.
- Bexhill-on-Sea.**—Miss Ena Taylor, 9 St. Margaret's Terrace, St. Leonards.
- Bexley Heath.**—H. J. Bridger, 19 Stephen Rd., Barnehurst Congregational Church. 2nd and 4th Fri., 7.30.
- Birmingham.**—L. Flint, "Mirador," Parade, Hall Green.—Y.M.C.A. (2nd floor), Dale End. Wed., 7.
- Bournville.**—H. J. Morcombe, 30 Beech Rd.—"Lofts," Bournville Lane. 1st Wed., 7.30, other Weds., 8.15.
- Blackburn.**—H. Benson, 215 Garfield Terrace, Revidge Rd.—13 Victoria St. Wed., 7.45.
- Bradford.**—Geo. Luscombe, 34 Parsonage Rd., W. Bowling.—Hotel Metropole. Alt. Sat., 7.15.
- Brighton and Hove.**—F. C. Faraker, 128 Marine Parade, Brighton.—52 Church Rd., Portslade. 1st Tuesday, 7.30-10.
- Bristol.**—Mrs. J. A. Westmancote, 12 Queensdale Crescent, Knowle Park.—Folk House, College Green. Wed., 7.30-9.30.
- Brita Katolika Societo.**—J. E. Hookham, 45 Holmesdale Rd., Teddington.—Apply Secretary.
- Buckhaven and Methil.**—T. Whittet, 43, Kirke Park, Methilhill, Windygates, Fife.—Denbeath School, Buckhaven. Tues. and Thur., 7.
- Burnley.**—J. Scaum, 42 Melville St.—88 Westgate. Rooms open daily.
- Burntisland.**—Miss E. Anderson, H.G. Public School, Burntisland.—Burntisland H.G. School. Tues., 7.30.
- Cheltenham.**—A. Yates, 6 Spenser Avenue, St. Marks.—32 Clarence St. Thur., 7.30. Classes, etc., other evenings.
- Chesterfield.**—H. Ingham, 21 Avondale Rd.—Same address. Fri., 7.
- Coventry.**—Vobe, 2 Cleveland St.—Manchester Unity Club, Little Park St. Wed., 7.30.
- Croydon.**—T. H. Saxon, 17 Waddon Close.—Dennett Hall, Dennett Rd. Tues., 7.30.
- Darlington.**—Miss N. Johnson, 9 Oak Dene Avenue.—Co-operative Offices, Priestgate. Thur., 7.
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This was held on 30th January, in Westminster Cafe, Aldwych, in the form of a Tea, instead of the Dinner of previous years. One hundred and thirty-seven attended, including many from the provinces. The innovation was evidently appreciated. After speeches by Vice-President J. J. Boutwood, J.P. (in the unavoidable absence of the President), the Hon. Secretary, and the Business Manager, and full use of opportunities given for conversation, there followed an excellent programme provided by the London Esperanto Club, who kindly took charge of the evening's entertainment, and gave a brilliant display of Esperanto talent. Congratulations to all who helped in this most successful gathering.

MOVADO FEDERACIA

Lancashire and Cheshire.—En Eccles (16 Jan.) ĉeestis 60. Prezidis Prof. Collinson. La urbestro faris bonvenigan parolon. Proksima kunveno : Burnley : 9 (?) Aprilo.

Scottish.—La *Bulteno* registras multe da fidela laboro. Nova grupo en Darvel (Sek., R. Black, 2 Edith St.). Grandaj preparoj por la Kongreso en Perth, 20–23 Majo (Sek., J. J. Robertson, Laurel Bank).

South-Eastern.—Konferenco : Hastings, 12 Marto. Kunvenejo : Grand Hotel. 2.0 Vagado, 5.15 Jarkunveno, 6.15 Teo (1s.). Sek., J. Turner, 57 Priory Avenue, Hastings.

South Wales and Monmouth.—Jarkunveno en Barry, 6 Feb. Malgranda sed ĝuata.

West Midland.—En Birmingham, 23–24 Jan., ĉeestis 56. Aparte notindaj estis la Diservo, kaj la prelego de F.-ino Hogg pri ŝia lerneja instruado. Membraro : 245. En la kaso : £6.8.7.

Yorkshire.—Če Leeds (16 Jan.) oni akceptis kun bedaŭro la rezignon pro akcidento de F.-ino Morton kiel sekretario. S-ro C. Gardner amuze skizis aŭtobusan libertempojn. Knabinoj el Northcote lernejo prezentis teatraĵon *La Ludemaj Horoj* : la Leedsanoj presentis *Onklo Ben*. Enviinda montrado de drama talento.

MOVADO GRUPA, LOKA

Aberystwyth.—Je 13 Januaro. Pastro W. H. Harris, M.A., trovis simpatian aŭskulton ĉe la Literatura Societo de Universitata Kolegio.

Birmingham.—La Mezlando Dimanĉa Rondo kunvenos 28 Feb. en Cafe Royal, Union St., 3.30–5.30.

Buckhaven and Methil.—Nova Grupo. Bonvenon !

Burton-on-Trent.—Kunvenoj marde, 7.30, en Friends' Meeting House, Lichfield St.

Edinburgh.—Mar. 2, Misteraj okazintajoj. 9, Imita proceso. 16, Deklamado. 3, Koncerto. 30, Ekzamenoj.

Glasgow.—Mar. 7, Konkurso. 14, Fotografado. 21, Ekzamenoj. 31, Jarkunveno.

Ilford.—Tre sukcesa festo, 18 Jan., aranĝita de F.-ino P. K. Strapps.

Llandudno.—Nova Grupo, sub nia pionira membro Pastro R. A. Davis.

London Club.—Mar. 1, Unutaga laboro ĉe informejo. 4, Visto (1s.). 8, Kien ni iras ? 11, Nia Riviera Hejmo. 15, Muziko. 18, Festo kaj Danco (6p.). 22, Po ses pencoj. 29, Jetu ĝin en la korbon !

London, Bethnal Green.—La jarkunvenon, 25 Jan., prezidis S-ro Wagstaff, M.B.E. 5 sukcesoj ĉe R.S.A. ekzamenoj. 300 ieteroj el eksterlando.

London.—**Diservo en Esperanto.**—St. Ethelburga's Church, 72 Bishopsgate, 13 Marto, 3.15. Parolos : V. Grimmitt. Solkantos : E. D. Evershed. Teo : 1s. 6p.

Manchester.—Mar. 3, Esperanto en Japanujo. 10, Kunkantado. 17, Rotariismo. 24, Paroletoj.

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Newcastle.—Mar. 1, Eksedziĝa proceso. 8, Sub la Ruĝa Kruco. 15, Kutimoj. 24, Killingworth.

Paisley.—Mar. 1, Esperanta Literaturo. 15, Vortfarado. 29, Spertoj en Germanujo.

Partick.—Mar. 1, Ĉapelvespero. 8, Piedirado kun kamero. 22, Vizito de Paisleyanoj. 29, Jarkunveno.

Plymouth.—Oni starigis rondiran gazeton : *Rondiranta Skribafaro*.

Salford.—Mar. 2, Komedio. 9, Trans Eŭropo per Esperanto. 16, Modoj. 23, Esperanto en Japanujo.

Wellingborough.—*Northampton Advertiser* raportis en Esperanto la grupan feston de 6 Jan.

EL LA TAGLIBRO DE LA B.E.A. AÜTOMOBilo.

Jan. 12: Portis la preleganton al Toc H, Putney, kie ĉ. 25 junaj viroj interesigis pri Esperanto. **Jan. 14**: Vizitis S-ron Severn en Worcester, kiu instruas Esperanton al knaboj en St. Paul's School, kaj—eĉ pli grave—redaktas *The Esperanto Student* por la B.E.A. **Jan. 15**: Southport. Lasis librojn kun lokaj vendistoj. Vizitis D-ron Hill kaj aliajn eminentulojn, kaj la lokan grupon, kiu vigle laboras por la B.E.A. Kongreso. **Jan. 16**: L. kaj C. Konferenco en Eccles: aferkunveno, luksa manĝo, mirinde bona varietea propramo de la grupoj en Manchester kaj Salford. La kvarvoĉa kantado estis aparte laŭdinda. **Jan. 18**: En Keighley. Intervjuis la estron de la Knaba Gimnazio, kaj lasis propagandilojn. Ĉe la Knabina Gimnazio 280 knabinoj aŭskultis prelegon, kaj montris grandan entuziasmon. La loka grupo perdis kelkajn membrojn, precipe F-inon Asquith, sed S-ro Rhodes kaj la aliaj grupanoj profetas bonan revivigon. **Jan. 23**: Iris al Birmingham por la W.M.E.F. Konferenco, kiu bone sukcesis. Oni diskutis pri pli gravaj temoj ol kutime ĉe konferenco. Danco dum la vespero, kaj la libro-vendado estis tre bona. Diservo, kaj vigla diskuto dimanĉe. **Jan. 27**: Vizitis la grupon en Oxford, por aŭskulti S-ron J. F. O'Conor pri sia vojaĝado per Esperanto. **Feb. 5**: En Leicester. La loka grupo, helpate de loka vendisto, malpezigis mian ŝargon. Ĉe la grupkunveno, momentoj "seriozaj kaj gajaj," por citi Prof. Findlay. Oni konstatas bonan progreson, kiu sendube ĝojigas la koron de S-ro Gordon. Tri aliĝis al B.E.A. **Feb. 6**: East Midland Konferenco en Lincoln, kie, malgraŭ manko de loka grupo, F-ino Richardson organizis tre sukcesan kunvenon. Oni esperas, ke kurso rezultos. Poste al Ges. Hipsley en Grantham, tiam **Feb. 7**, al Kvakera kunveno en Lincoln, kie oni atente aŭskultis la Esperantan mesaĝon. **Feb. 8**: Al Grimsby, kie junaj sed vigla grupo de gejunuloj fervore studas kaj ridas gvidate de S-ro Yarworth, kies desegnoj estas preskaŭ tiel mirindaj, kiel liaj Esperantaj poemoj.

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The following are the most important figures to the end of January:—

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Subscriptions ..	203 10 0	243 10 9
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Holiday Parties.—Particulars of these will be found on page 2 of the cover. You will greatly help our depleted staff if you will book as early as possible. The fluctuating rates of exchange make it difficult to give any exact figures, and those quoted are based on the rates prevailing to-day (February 5th). If the value of the £ should show any considerable improvement, the benefit will be passed to those members who are participating. On the other hand, if the £ materially depreciates they will have to pay more, but my own opinion is that there is not likely to be any great change in this respect before August.

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"La faktoj de regado, la faktoj de komerco, la faktoj de socio, la faktoj de historio, la faktoj de homo, la faktoj de Dio, en tiuj ĉi, en la komprenado de ilia gloro, en la obeemo al ilia devigo, estos la ebleco kaj antaŭgarantio de la soldato-ĉatisto, la soldato-sciencisto, la soldato-filantropo, la soldato-pastro, la soldato-homo. 'La glavo estas forĝita en plugilon, la lanco en rikoltilon.' 'La milita tamburo jam ne vibras, kaj la batalstandardoj estas falditaj.'

"Sed ne pro tio la batalpovo pereis. Ĝi pereis pro tio, ke la batalo supreniris sur pli altan lokon, kaj en pli altan lumon.

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"But it is not that the power of fight has perished; it is that the battle has gone up on to higher ground and into higher light. The battle is above the clouds."

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"Ĉu via nova vekhorloĝo plaĉas al vi? "Ho treege! Ĝi vekas la papagon, kiu fajfas al la hundo, kiu tiam bojas kaj vekas nin ĉiujn."

"Mi intencas maldungi mian ŝoferon. Tri fojojn li preskaŭ mortigis min."

"Ho, ne estu senindulga. Eble li baldaŭ sukcesos."

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